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1. "TFSC PRESIDENT" DENKTASH HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE UN ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 19. IN A BRIEF OPENING STATEMENT DENKTASH'S PUNCH LINE WAS: "WE ARE OPEN TO SUGGESTIONS AND COUNTER-PROPOSALS ON ALL ISSUES, BUT WE CANNOT ACCEPT A SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL GIVE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS THE CHANCE AND LIBERTY OF FINISHING OFF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY FROM CYPRUS." DENKTASH STRESSED THE NEED TO KEEP THE INTERCOMMUNAL DIALOGUE GOING, AND HE DECLARED: "I AM READY TO MEET MR. KYPRIANOU ANYWHERE, ANYTIME AND TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM WITH HIM, EVEN WITHOUT AN AGENDA." DENKTASH ASSERTED THAT THE TURKISH CYPRIOT PROPOSALS "TACKLE THE PROBLEM IN A CONSTRUCTIVE WAY, ALWAYS AIMING AT THE FUTURE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES."

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2. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS DENKTASH AFFIRMED THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM ON MONDAY (MAY 22) AND WOULD FORMALLY REQUEST A RESUMPTION OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND ASK WALDHEIM TO ASK KYPRIANOU TO MEET WITH HIM. DENKTASH SAID: "I LOOK ON THIS AS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO MEET MR. KYPRIANOU. I HOPE HE WILL LOOK AT IT AS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR HIM TO MEET ME IN THE

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